

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2873–S2917*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 544–554, S. Res. 69–71, and S. Con. Res. 10. **Page S2909–10**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Report of the Select Committee on Intelligence for the 110th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 111–6) **Page S2909**

#### Measures Passed:

**National Reading Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 69, designating March 2009 as “National Reading Month” and authorizing the collection of non-monetary book donations in Senate office buildings during the period beginning March 9, 2009 and ending March 27, 2009 from Senators and officers and employees of the Senate to assist elementary school students in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. **Page S2874**

**Relative to Robert Levinson:** Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 4, calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise the case of Robert Levinson with officials of the Government of Iran at every level and opportunity, and urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson and to share information on the investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2915–16**

**Congratulating Sailors:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 10, congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 1,000 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols. **Pages S2916–17**

#### Measures Considered:

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2874–S2903**

#### Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 86) McCain Amendment No. 593, to prohibit the use of certain funds provided in the bill. **Pages S2874, S2895–98, S2900**

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 87) Kyl Amendment No. 630, to require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza. **Pages S2874, S2889, S2890–92, S2900–01**

By 39 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 88) Kyl Amendment No. 631, to require the Secretary of State to certify that funds made available for reconstruction efforts in Gaza will not be diverted to Hamas or entities controlled by Hamas. **Pages S2874–81, S2892–95, S2901**

By 42 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 89) Enzi Amendment No. 668, to prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas. **Pages S2883, S2899–S2900, S2901–02**

Barrasso (and Enzi) Amendment No. 637, to remove the new application fee for a permit to drill. **Page S2902**

#### Pending:

Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Pages S2874, S2878–83**

Kyl Amendment No. 629, to provide that no funds may be used to resettle Palestinians from Gaza into the United States. **Pages S2874, S2889**

Bunning Amendment No. 665, to require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran. **Page S2895**

Sessions Amendment No. 604, to extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years. **Pages S2898–99**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing the remaining amendments be considered and debated and that after all debate time has been concluded on the remaining amendments, Senate vote in relation to the amendments in a sequence established under a subsequent order; that there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form, prior to a vote in relation

to each amendment; provided further, that after the first vote in the sequence, the remaining vote times be limited to 10 minutes each; provided further, that upon disposition of all remaining amendments, there then be 30 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill; and that upon disposition of the amendments and the Senate having voted on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, and cloture having been invoked, all post-cloture time be considered yielded back, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2008.

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### Appointments:

**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149, (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105-275, (adopted October 21, 1998), further amended by S. Res. 75, (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383, (adopted October 27, 2000), and amended by S. Res. 355, (adopted November 13, 2002), and further amended by S. Res. 480, (adopted November 21, 2004), appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 111th Congress: Senator Levin, Democratic Co-Chairman, Senator Kerry, Democratic Co-Chairman, Senator Lautenberg, Democratic Co-Chairman, Senator Dorgan, Senator Durbin, Senator Cardin, and Senator Byrd, as Majority Administrative Co-Chairman.

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**Nomination—Cloture Motion:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

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**Nomination—Cloture Motion:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination of Austan Dean Goolsbee, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII

of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

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**Nomination—Cloture Motion:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination of Cecilia Elena Rouse, of California, to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—89)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:20 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2917.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

**Committee on Finance:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### PREVENTING WORKER EXPLOITATION

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing worker exploitation, focusing on protecting individuals with disabilities and other vulnerable populations, after receiving testimony from John L. McKeon, Deputy Administrator for Enforcement,